

NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Office of the President

NEWPORT, R.I.

March 21, 1956

My dear Mr. Dulles:

It is my pleasure to extend to you a most cordial invitation to address the Naval War College at 1100 on Tuesday, 5 June 1956 on the subject "National Strategy". This will be the key address of the 1956 Global Strategy Discussions.

The nature of the eighth annual Global Strategy Discussions is described in general terms in the brochure enclosed. Attendance at the five-day round table discussions will include the students and staff of the Naval War College, 100 senior Naval Reserve officers, about 100 distinguished civilian guests of the Secretary of the Navy and various visiting civilian and military official guests. All participants will be authorized to receive information up to and including SECRET.

As the principal address of the discussions, the lecture on National Strategy is designed to outline the interests and objectives of the U.S., the formulation of courses of action - and factors affecting our strategy. Other addresses planned during these discussions are: "The Current World Situation" by the President, Naval War College; "Sea Power and National Strategy" by the Chief of Naval Operations; and "Forces Producing the Present World Situation" by The Honorable Chester Bowles. The scopes of the various addresses are shown on the sheet of general information attached to the enclosed brochure.

Knowing the responsibilities of your office, I realize that any addition to your schedule, particularly one requiring your leaving Washington, is a burden. However, your presence would indeed highlight the Global Strategy Discussions and, as a person very ably qualified to present the type address desired, your contribution to the thinking of this large and representative audience would without question be most significant. In addition I have been encouraged to suggest this task to you because you have always been so generous in assisting us here at the Naval War College.

If you can arrange to accept this invitation, and I sincerely hope that you can, I would be most happy to make special arrangements for Naval air transportation in order to save you all possible time.

Sincerely yours,

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L. D. McCORMICK
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy

Honorable Allen W. Dulles
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